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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/051,182	FELKEY ET AL.	
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	Cao (Kevin) Nguyen	2173	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-25, 29-36 and 38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-19, 26-28 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-19, 26-28 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Elliot (US Patent No. 6,473,097).

Regarding claim 1, Elliot discloses a method for procuring telecommunications offerings on-line, comprising presenting a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising, a telecommunications offerings region located in a portion of the GUI [..www is for linking together documents interactive programs and images over the Internet; see col. 1, lines 58-67], the telecommunications offerings region including, a voice telecommunications offerings sub-region for providing access to voice telecommunications offerings [..mobile switching center enables connection to another voice only terminal as usual; see col. 4, lines 41-64], an Internet telecommunications offerings sub-region for providing access to Internet telecommunications offerings, and a mobile telecommunications offerings sub-region for providing access to mobile telecommunications offerings (see col. 6, lines 1-60).

Regarding claim 2, Elliot discloses wherein each of the voice, Internet and mobile telecommunications offerings sub-regions includes a dropdown menu for displaying

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telecommunications offerings included therein (see col. 9, lines 48-64).

Regarding claim 3, Elliot discloses, wherein each of the voice, Internet and mobile telecommunications offerings sub-regions includes a high level description of the telecommunications offerings included therein, and the dropdown menu is configured to display over the high level description.

Regarding claim 4, Elliot discloses, wherein the voice offerings dropdown menu includes at least one of a web link to a complete calling package of telecommunications offering, a web link to a long distance telecommunications offering, a web link to a toll free telecommunications offering, a web link to a conferencing telecommunication offering, and web link to a calling card telecommunications offering (see col. 8, lines 3-15).

Regarding claim 5, Elliot discloses wherein the Internet telecommunications offerings dropdown menu includes at least one of a web link to a dial up Internet telecommunications offering, and a web link to a dedicated Internet telecommunications offering (see col. 9, lines 28-47).

Regarding claim 6, Elliot discloses, wherein the mobile telecommunications offerings dropdown menu includes at least one of a web link to a paging telecommunications offering, a web link to a conferencing telecommunications offering, a web link to a calling card telecommunication offerings, and a web link to dial up telecommunications offering (see figures 2-5).

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Regarding claim 7, Elliot discloses, further comprising: an account access region configured to provide log in and password retrieval functions for existing customers, and to provide a registration function for new customers; and a service and support region configured to provide a support information function and one of an on-line chat and instant messaging functions (see figures 3-4A)

Regarding claim 8, Elliot discloses wherein after an existing customer logs in via the log in function, the log in function of the account access region is replaced with a log out function and a welcome message; and the password retrieval and registration functions are replaced with account review, saved product information, notification list, invite colleagues and profile editing functions (see 4B-9).

As claims 9-14 and 17-19 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 2-8 above.

Regarding claim 15, Elliot discloses, wherein the service and support region includes a web link to at least one of listings of partner telecommunications offerings and services available for research and purchase on-line, information describing how specific telecommunications offerings can help businesses and information highlighting growth telecommunications offerings and services (see col. 10, lines 33-67).

Regarding claims 16, Elliot discloses link to content personalized for an existing customer; a web link for providing access to existing orders, a web link an electronic billing

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application; a web link to an order tracking function; a web link to a status checking function; and a web link for at least one of sending a page, scheduling a conference call, providing online directory assistance, and providing access to tailored information on one of telecommunications offerings ordered and related telecommunications offerings (see figure 9)..

As claims 17-19 and 26-28 and 37 are analyzed as previously discussed with respected to claims 1-16 above.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 20-25, 29-36 and 38 are allowed over the prior art.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (see PTO-892).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-3972.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeza can be reached on 703-308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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